

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-19 are pending. Claims 4, 12 and 20 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 17, and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been entered and no new issues have been raised by these claim amendments.

Objection to Claim 20

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner objected to claim 20 for being designated as “withdrawn” rather than “canceled.” Claim 20 has been canceled and has now been properly designated as such. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 20 is solicited.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 3-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite due to lack of antecedent basis for “predetermined acquisition parameter” in claims 3 and 4. As noted by the Examiner, this term corresponds to the “physical parameter” of claim 1 and claim 3 has been amended accordingly. Claim 4 has been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3-10 is solicited.

Also, claim 17 has been amended to correct an ambiguity in antecedence.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-3, 11 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Jain et al. (US 6,185,318) (“Jain”). Independent claims 1, 11, and 19 have been amended to obviate this rejection.

In particular, independent claims 1, 11, and 19 have been amended to specify that the claimed “physical parameter” is “selected from a group comprising a moisture condition of the fingertip and an applied pressure of the fingertip.” This language was taken from claim 4 (dependent upon claim 1) and claim 12 (dependent upon claim 11), respectively, which the Examiner previously indicated to be allowable over the art of record. Claims 4 and 12 have been canceled and claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 4. In view of the incorporation of allowable subject matter from the dependent claims into independent claims 1, 11, and 19, the rejection over Jain is believed to be overcome without introducing any new issues for the Examiner’s consideration.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s indication that claims 13-18 are allowable and that claims 4-10 and 12 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the above, all of

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pending claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-19 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.
Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 11 and 19 over Jain is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

The present response is believed to obviate all rejections and objections of record.
Withdrawal of the Final Rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully requested.

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